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## COAL SITUATION IMPROVES

### Crisis May Mean Cut In Meat Rations

London, Feb. 18. Britons already frustrated by coal shortages, electricity cuts and slender rations, were told to-night that their slim candy and meat rations may be cut still further.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, said at a press conference that the 100 per cent cut in electricity to industries in a wide belt of England had shut down candy factories. As a result, he said, the candy ration of 12 ounces per month to adults and one pound a month to those under 16 probably would have to be reduced.

Mr. Strachey also warned that if Dominion dock stoppages continued, the meat ration would have to be reduced again. The present meat ration consists partly of corned beef.

The Food Ministry Inter-announced that current ration coupons for soap, meat and other goods which shops could not honour because of shortages may be used in the next period, beginning March 2. Transportation delays because of the freezing weather were believed responsible for the shortages.

### COAL PRODUCTION UP

Mr. Strachey's news was given one day before he was scheduled to leave for America and shortly before 10 Downing Street issued a statement that coal production had increased despite difficult conditions since the emergency power restrictions began eight days ago.

The statement said Mr. Attlee would speak in the Commons on the situation and reported that more than 230,000 tons of coal had been saved since restrictions began.

The statement said coal deliveries to London by sea during the last three days had been 25 per cent above the daily average for the winter, but warned that severe weather conditions still would make the situation difficult.

It contained no indication when electricity restrictions would be lifted. The weather forecast was still very cold and frosty for most areas.—United Press.

### STOP PRESS

### TWO MILLION OUT OF WORK

London, Feb. 18. When Premier Attlee addresses Parliament to-morrow on the fuel crisis, it is expected that he will give an indication of the date and speed at which industry will resume work.

An official statement issued by the Government to-night showed the paralysis of the different branches of industry through the holdup of coal has thrown over 2,000,000 people out of work.

The statement was issued after a meeting of the joint committee of ministers and representatives of the Coal Board, the Central Electricity Board and the Railway Executive Committee set up by the Prime Minister to take decisions and coordinate action on the coal emergency.—Reuter.

## Power Stations Have 11 Days' Supply

London, Feb. 18. Britain's fuel crisis is gradually lifting. Coal stocks are being built up and transport from pit-heads to power stations is returning to normal. At today's Ministry of Fuel press conference it was disclosed that coal stocks of electricity power stations have risen a further 36,000 tons and now stand at 11 days' supply.

Gas stocks in London, area of greatest shortage, are now enough for ten days, compared with slightly over nine in the middle of last week.

Although cold weather is persisting and forecasts are that it will continue, the movement of coal by road, rail and sea is flowing smoothly.

London's temperature at 5 p.m. to-day was 26 degrees Fahrenheit, one degree warmer than at the same time yesterday and three degrees lower than at mid-day.

Another 14,000 workers will join the two million thrown out of work by the coal crisis when the Ford Works at Dagenham close down on Thursday. The workers will be suspended, not dismissed, and will be paid an allowance as well as unemployment insurance benefit. The decision to close the Works was taken to-day because of the shortage of fuel.

At other factories men returned to work to-day as firms put emergency plant into operation. The Philips Radio factory near London, employing about 1,500 workers, resumed operations to-day, using petrol-driven power plants obtained from the Government.

### SHOPS FLOODED

A watermain burst in the City of London this morning, sending streams of water swirling down the Farringdon Road. Shops were flooded to a depth of six feet and soon afterwards the wet road began to freeze.

Improved weather off the east coast and in the Thames estuary enabled colliers to arrive almost normally, although heavy seas are keeping 15 ships in Durham.

A goods train, which was completely buried in snow drifts for 15 days in the north was released to-day.

Meanwhile, Government departments are glazing "red tape" rules to aid coloured nations resident in the United Kingdom suffering from severe cold and fuel cuts. Special allocations of clothing coupons have been made available to Indian, African, West Indian and other Dominion and Colonial nationals here, but even this has not been sufficient to ward off the effects of the cold wave.

The allocation of 120 clothing coupons enables them to wear three times as much clothing as Britons. The Colonial Office is receiving daily requests from Nigerian and Jamaican students for permanent central heating in their hostels, but this cannot be granted at present.

An Indian woman, who recently arrived in London, said: "I do not know how you exist in Britain."

The proprietors of a hostel for coloured students in London said

Troops and transport workers provided a brighter side to the fuel dilemma by breaking all records since the crisis began, in getting coal from mines to industrial centres.

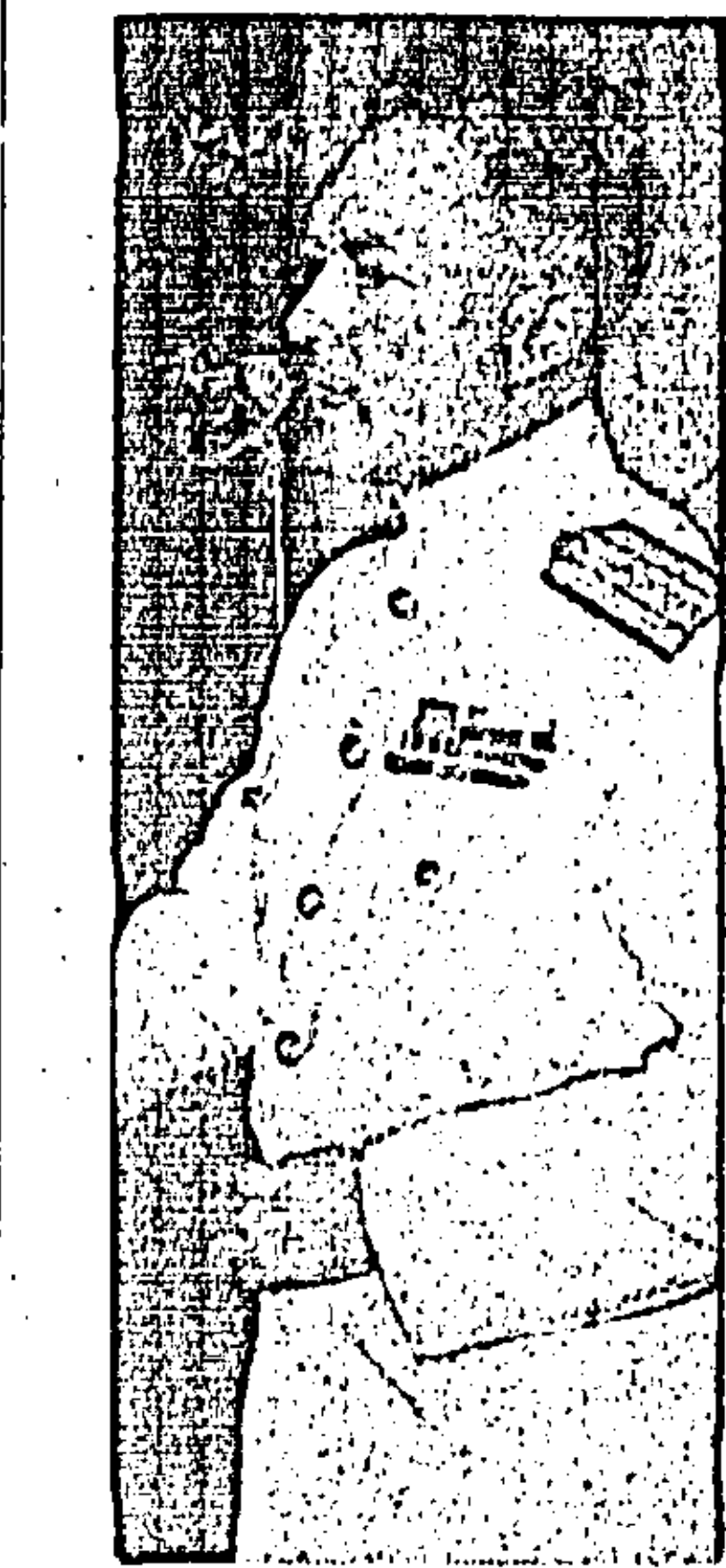
SAFETY LEVEL BY FRIDAY  
London power stations were expected to reach the safety level for fuel reserves by Friday and other points through the country reported that reserve stocks had climbed to over 11 days' supplies.

Industrial sources said, however, that even if many plants reopen on Monday as expected, the crisis has prevented Britain from reaching her 1947 export target. It was believed the Opposition leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, would demand censure of the Government if the White Paper failed to prescribe a remedy for Britain's industrial plight.

A War Office spokesman announced that by to-morrow morning 1,200 Army trucks manned by 2,000 soldiers would be hauling coal from Nottinghamshire pits to power stations and gasworks.

About 800 are on the job now.

In North Ireland, the Ministry of Commerce announced that electricity cuts similar to those in England would be put into effect during certain hours of the day and the use of power for entertainment or sports before four p.m. would be prohibited.—United Press.



ADMIRAL BYRD

### PALESTINE

## Mr. Bevin's Statement To Commons

London, Feb. 18. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons to-day that Britain would submit the Palestine problem to the judgment of the United Nations with the explanation that her mandate was unworkable.

"We do not intend ourselves to recommend any particular solution," Mr. Bevin said. He said he believed there would be great difficulty in placing the matter before the United Nations before the scheduled Assembly meeting next September.

Mr. Bevin made "one further appeal" to the United States and other countries in the world to help the British with the problem of the Jews and Arabs in Palestine.

### CHURCHILL INTERVENES

Mr. Winston Churchill, who repeatedly has urged the Government to refer the Palestine question to the United Nations, said to-day that he was willing to take the responsibility for peace in the Holy Land, interposed:

"Why, if this policy is right to-day, should it not have been announced a year ago?"

"I think it would have been a fatal policy for Great Britain, with all the leadership she has done in the world in all her history, to have gone to the United Nations without attempting to solve these differences," reported Mr. Bevin. "I know the cost. I know the difficulty, but if we handle this well at the United Nations, we shall have solved the problems of the Arabs and Jews can be settled in some way after 2,000 years of conflict, the 12 months will not have been wasted."

Mr. Bevin opened his statement with a confession of the failure of the Government's separate discussions in London with Arab and Jewish leaders.

He said, "It has become clear that there is no prospect of reaching by this means any settlement which would be even broadly acceptable to the two communities in Palestine."

Mr. Bevin said both the Arabs and the Jews had rejected the Government's proposals first for autonomous Arab and Jewish provinces under a central British government and, secondly, for Arab and Jewish areas within a unitary state with a central government in which both Jews and Arabs would share. Under the latter plan, Jewish immigration would continue for the next two years at the rate of 4,000 a month.

### PRACTICAL PROMISE

Mr. Bevin said the second plan marked the first time the Government had made a "practical promise of evolution toward independence" by building up during the five-year trusteeship political institutions rooted in the people.

He said the Arabs put forward an alternative proposal for a unitary state which would achieve early independence with a permanent Arab majority, but this was rejected by the Jews. While the Jews did not advance any plan of their own, Mr. Bevin said, they said they were prepared to consider partition of Palestine providing for a Jewish state.

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## ADMIRAL BYRD FLIES 81 MILES BEYOND THE POLE

### Fifty New Mountains Discovered

Little America, Feb. 18. Valentine's Day, flew 81 miles beyond the Pole into territory never before seen by man. The planes circled the world in 10 minutes, following each other in a great arc 2,400 feet above the smooth, metallic snows of a high plateau 12,000 feet above sea level, which is the South Pole.

Admiral Byrd, leaning from the hatch of the lead plane, dropped a cardboard bundle of small six-inch flags of each of the United Nations, thus inaugurating the first international aspect in South Polar exploration.

As the result of his new discovery of 75,000 square miles of territory with 50 new mountains, which can now be placed on charts, Admiral Byrd reported there is no break in the great ice-cap at the bottom of the world.

Visibility was 100 miles, which is almost unparalleled flying weather, and enabled the Byrd Expedition to make 10 flights over hundreds of unknown glaciers and mountains, all of which were carefully photographed, leading Admiral Byrd to say: "We saw more in a few minutes than previous explorers learned in years of struggles."

Eleven other men, flying in two navy transports, roared across the Pole at exactly 5 a.m. Little America time (11 a.m. EST) on February 14 at an altitude of 12,000 feet above sea level—only 2,400 feet above the snow which forms the core of the great Antarctic ice-cap.

The two planes which crossed the Pole were the last of 10 to leave Little America in a virtual parade of exploration which began on the morning of Valentine's Day. Never before in history have frontiers of the unknown shrunk so rapidly.

Ten planes flying in pairs discovered and wrote into maps two previously unknown mountain masses of major dimensions. The total effect of their effort is still being assessed and will be announced later.

### PRESS CONFERENCE

At a press conference after his return, Admiral Byrd commented: "Mountains that do not show on the maps are everywhere and they are everywhere. Two polar planes flew south to Wade Glacier, then up the glacier to the South Polar plateau and on to the Pole. Returning they descended from the Polar plateau at a point between Wade and Bearmore glaciers. It was so cold that the automatic pilots failed to work and the pilots and co-pilots were forced to steer the planes manually all the way."

At the press conference Admiral Byrd said: "We had to violate flying rules to make that altitude, 14,000 feet, but it was necessary. If we had stayed within the prescribed altitude none of our planes ever would have gotten over the mountains into unexplored territory on any flight. You cannot get through these mountains and you have got to get high to get over them."

Admiral Byrd wrote a personal message to Admiral of the Fleet Chester Nimitz at the Pole. He wrote: "I could not have been forced to print this message in half-inch high block letters on the back of a folded map and finished the message about a foot and a half long."

Admiral Byrd said it was the first time in history anyone had gone any appreciable distance beyond the Pole. He went about 10 miles past it in his 1929 flight. He said: "I believe that a limitless plateau extends beyond the Pole—the biggest and highest in the world."

After flying up the length of Wade Glacier to the summit of the Polar plateau, the two R4Ds made for the 180th meridian and rode straight down it to the Pole. After circling the Pole, they continued their course 81 miles past the Pole, veered 80 miles to the right and then turned back to Little America.

Admiral Byrd said if there had been any mountain within 100 miles of the Pole in any direction they could have seen it. However, they saw no break in the unending flat expanse of the Polar ice-cap that comprises the world's largest and highest plateau.

"We could see for hundreds of miles to the left as we crossed the Pole and 181 miles beyond the Pole and 186 miles to the right of the Pole," Admiral Byrd said.

Because every direction at the South Pole is north, Admiral Byrd gave the directions as "right" and "left" from his planes; alternately southward and northward course across the Pole rather than using compass directions.

### DUPLICATES FLIGHT

Admiral Byrd's two planes flew within sight of each other for the entire trip and circled the Poles together. Admiral Byrd thus duplicated

## SOLDIERS INJURED BY LANDMINE

Jerusalem, Feb. 19. Three British soldiers were injured when their truck was blasted by a landmine near Jerusalem and at least five other explosions were reported in the troubled Holy Land.

An official announcement said one of the three soldiers—a sergeant—was seriously hurt and that the truck was demolished. The landmine was a crude affair made from beer bottles filled with explosives and was detonated electrically from a nearby field.

The two other soldiers were less seriously injured and the driver of the truck escaped unhurt.

Officials said a railway line near Nablus, north of Jerusalem, was damaged by another blast. Unconfirmed reports of four or more explosions in the countryside said there was "no loss of life."

Jerusalem was battered down completely with virtually all movement halted.

Officers in charge of road blocks leading to the newly-created "residential security compounds" stood with drawn side-arms. The compounds, taken over from Jewish residents and barricaded with barbed wire, now house British citizens.

The new outbreak of violence occurred a few hours after the newly-appointed British military commander, Maj-Gen. MacMillan, had ordered the postponement of executions of three young Jews sentenced to death for underground activity.—Associated Press.

## AUSTRALIA AND REPARATIONS

Canberra, Feb. 18. Australia is disturbed at American attitude on reparations from Japan, it was learned in official quarters to-day.

Australia wants reparations to be made an integral part of the peace settlement but the United States is anxious to make reparations arbitrary allocations, it was said.

As a result America and Russia are expected to secure the lion's share while Australia is "frozen out."

The Australian view is that she was second only to the United States in the role played by the Allies in the Pacific war.

Australia fully realizes that Britain was preoccupied elsewhere and was facing an acute manpower shortage which left her no alternative but to retire from participation in Pacific affairs, leaving them mainly to America, it was added.—Reuter.

## Dean Acheson Defended By General Marshall

Washington, Feb. 18. The United States Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, "spoke in line of duty" when he described Russia's foreign policy as "aggressive and expanding," according to General George Marshall, the American Secretary of State in reply to Russia's protests.

"The conduct of the Under-Secretary in answering questions frankly and in accordance with his conscience, cannot be described as inadmissible," he added.

"You characterized the content of his statement as rude slander and hostile to the Soviet Union. Under the standards of public policy, comment on the matter of public policy is not slander. Therefore, I know that on second thought you will not attribute hostility to slander."

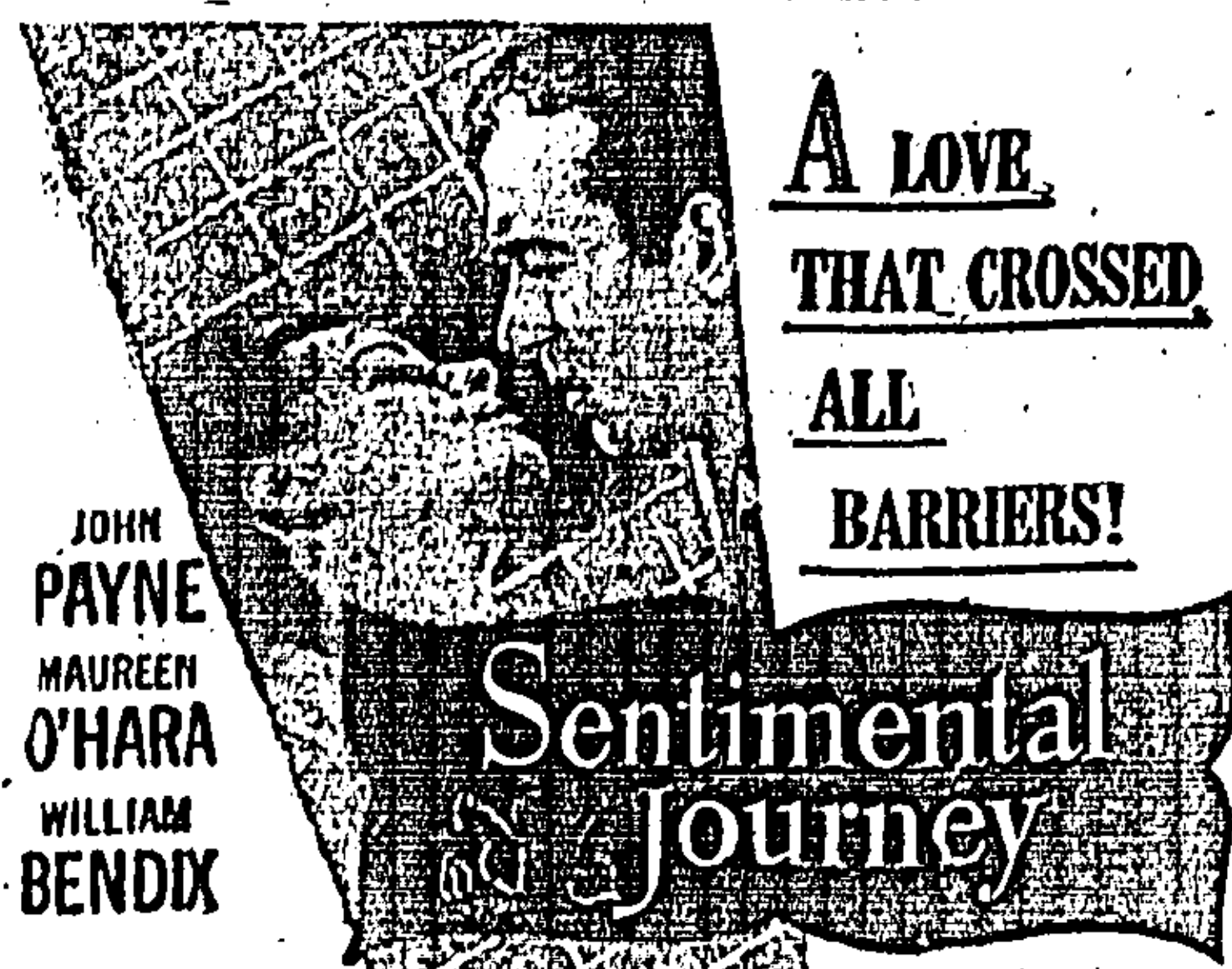
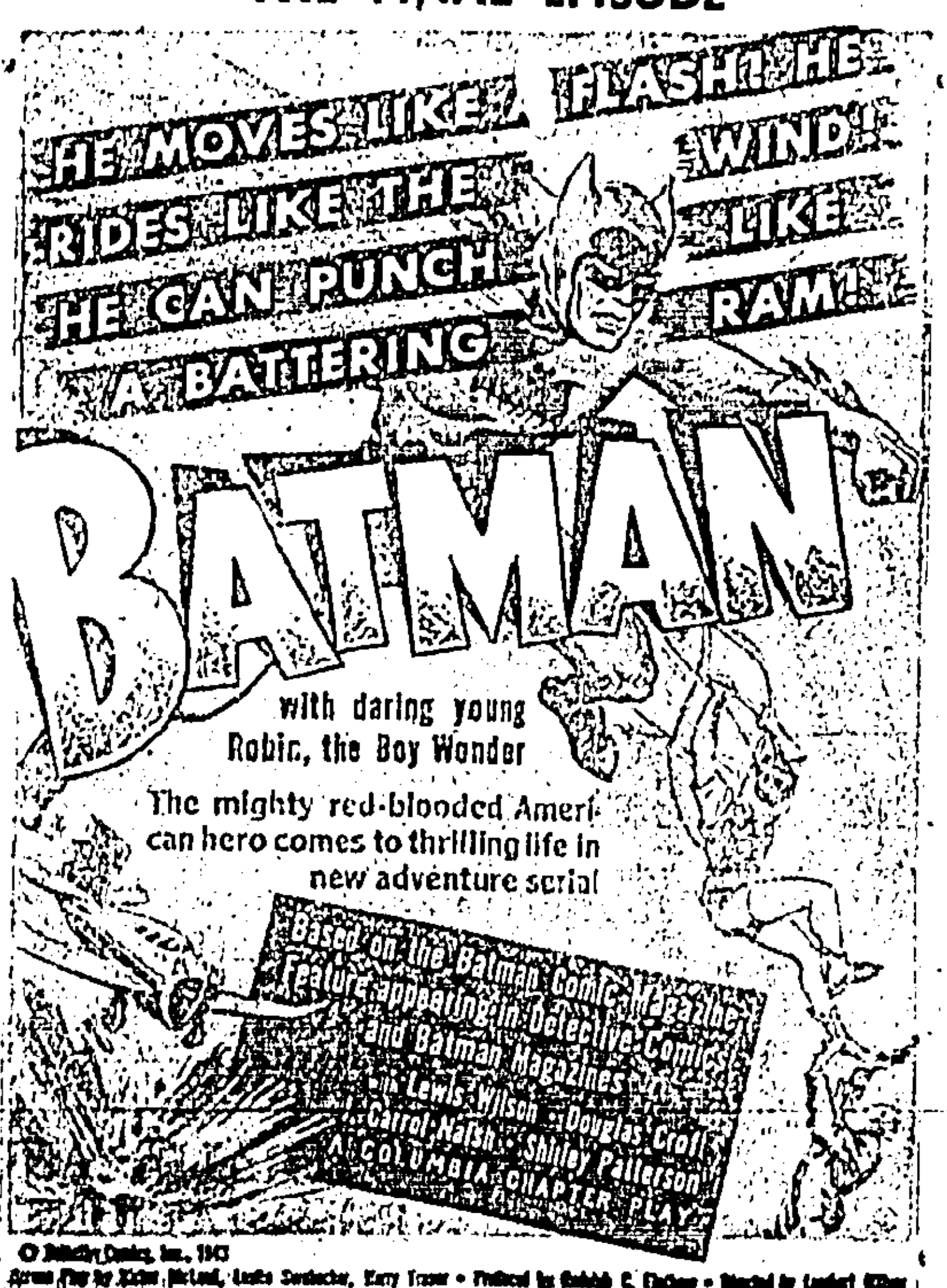
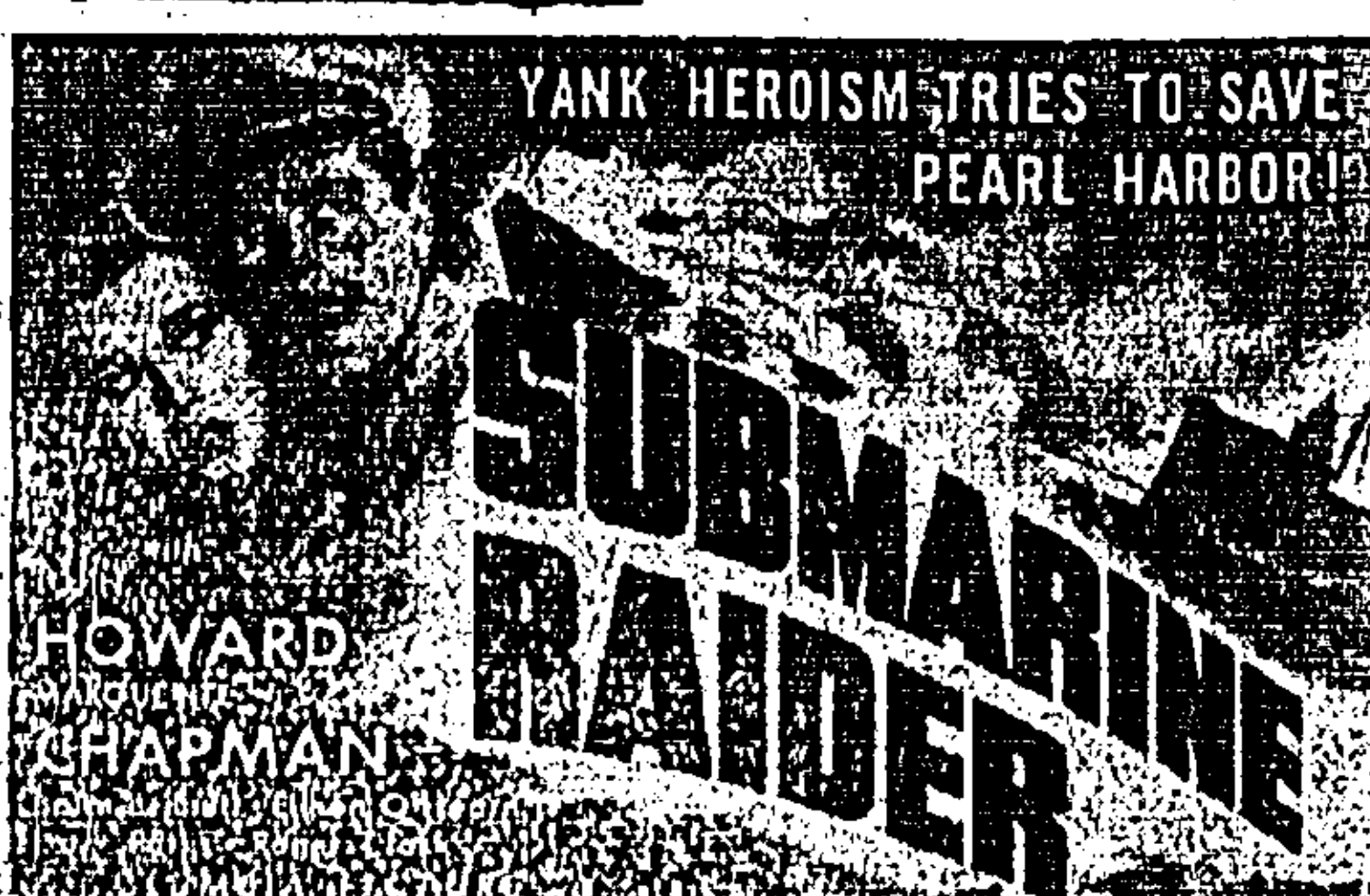
General Marshall's reply is interpreted here as meaning a rejection of the United States of the Soviet protest.

The protest accused Mr. Dean Acheson of "blatant slander" against Soviet foreign policy in stating before the U.S. Senate Atomic Energy Committee on February 10 that "Russia's foreign policy is aggressive and expanding."

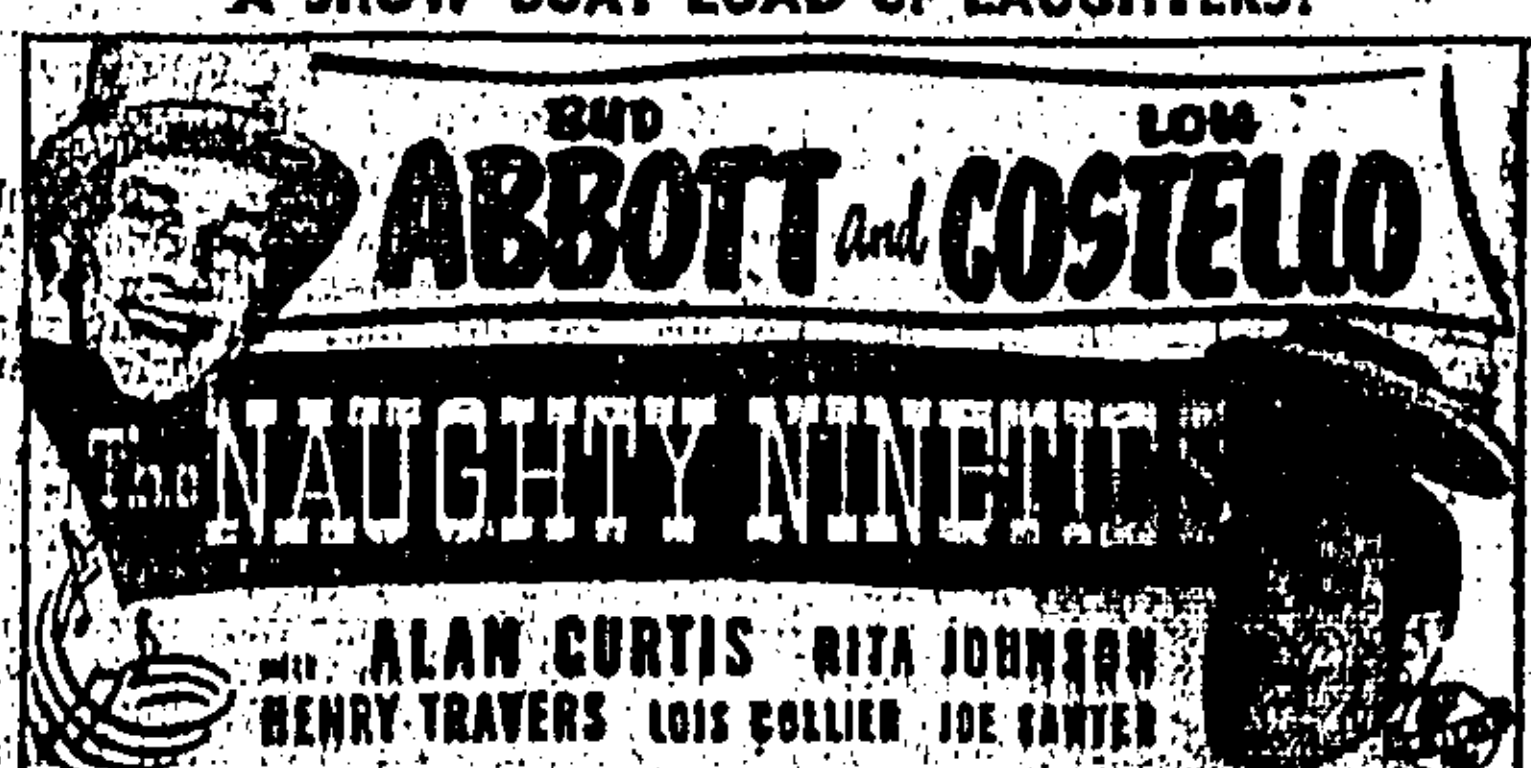
The Committee's transcript, published in Washington, quoted Mr. Acheson as saying: "I am quite aware of the fact that Russia's foreign policy is aggressive and expanding. I think one of the great efforts which everyone is making in the United Nations is the attempt to find a means of solving problems of that sort."

"If those means and agreements can be found then there is hope that there will be no major clashes. If they cannot be found then I think the situation is very serious."



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POCKET CARTOON



WILLIAM HICKEY

**CRICKET MATCH**

THERE is a big gap in the collection of 3,000 sporting prints and paintings which Mr. WALTER HUTCHINSON is going to put on permanent exhibition in Derby House. He has only three or four cricketing subjects.

Kenson is that the first Sir Jeremiah Colman and a passion for cricket equalled only by his love of orchids.

He spent years and a lot of money getting together the country's finest collection of cricketing pictures and prints. There are more than 200, and the full collection has never been publicly exhibited.

When I told Mr. Hutchinson, who was ill in bed, he was so delighted that, in appreciation, he proposes to lend to Colman the Constable which he recently acquired for £43,050, "to hang in his house until the gallery is ready."

In London recently was A. PRIOR KNOCK and he is A.D.C. to Prince Erik of Denmark, which seems so right.

STRANGER in town the other day was the almost forgotten, nearly legendary JIMMY THOMAS, up from retirement in Wales to be re-elected vice-chairman of the Crystal Palace trustees. The boiled shirts have passed into smoking-room history. He has had the job for 12 years, the vestige of his greatness, and he cherishes the confidence reposed in him.

Welcoming, Lord AMBON said: There is only one Jimmy Thomas and we would not like to lose him."

Still rubicund, full of the joy of life and still smacking the familiar cigar, Jimmy rose quietly and remarked: "This is not a speech, but just to say that I am not dead yet."

MEN of the Royal Navy threw a party in London for silver, afterwards Dr. ALICE NORTH.

She is "Doc" to 127 sailors and Marines who convalesced in her country home at Castine, Maine, U.S.A., and added one ton to the weight of naval personnel.

NEWEST contribution to that senseless controversy about who wrote Shakespeare if he didn't is a pamphlet by WILLIAM MARGIE who, among other things, is chairman of the South London Immortals' Club. He has one sound observation:—

"It is often said that it does not matter who wrote the plays. It does matter. If it was ever proved that Shakespeare was a fraud, half the ruined and the directors of the annual festival would look silly."

That's sense.

ILLUSTRATING every-day atoms, a bottle of whisky with the eye-catching tag, "I'm made of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen atoms," was on show when the Atomic Age exhibition opened in London. It vanished. Yet a scientist would have known that the arrangement of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen atoms was the only difference between whisky and this cold tea.

FAREWELL gulp by GEORGE MUMFORD on leaving Fleet-street after 40 years as a London reporter:—

"Londoners want to know about London because most of them came from the provinces."

STATE of retail business as seen in the U.S.A.:—

1941: The customer was always right.

1942: The customer was always left.

1943-7: Unless you make the customer right you won't have a customer left.

**Sitting on the Fence:****OLD MOORE GUBBINS CASTS A HOROSCOPE**

1947 WILL pursue its unhappy course through strikes, restrictions, man-power shortages, rationing, scarcity, and unadulterated misery for all except Sir Stafford Cripps, who never seems to want anything but a bit of bread and cheese, and Mr. Hugh Dalton, who is so amused at everything, including income tax.

Income tax may be reduced further by tanner or bab by bob, but whatever is taken off ordinary tax will go on to surtax in the mistaken belief that this is the best method of soaking the rich.

While rich men escape by gambling on the Stock Exchange the real sufferers will be enterprising and talented people who create and maintain employment.

The chief sufferers will be those who provide the only relief to the national gloom—the artists and entertainers who, for big money while they are fashionable and will have nothing to save for their old age.

But as Old Moore Gubbins in his present mood doesn't think that anybody (but those who are already old) will have an old age, this doesn't matter very much.

Anything you want will be exported, and anything you don't want, like dried eggs, will be imported.



Countries like Holland, which were on the verge of starvation eighteen months ago, will want to sell us food. Negotiations will take so long that it will all go bad.

Countries like France, which were supposed to be on the verge of starvation for six years, will continue to send us giant athletes who will win tennis championships, boxing matches, and any other sporting competition that happens to be going.

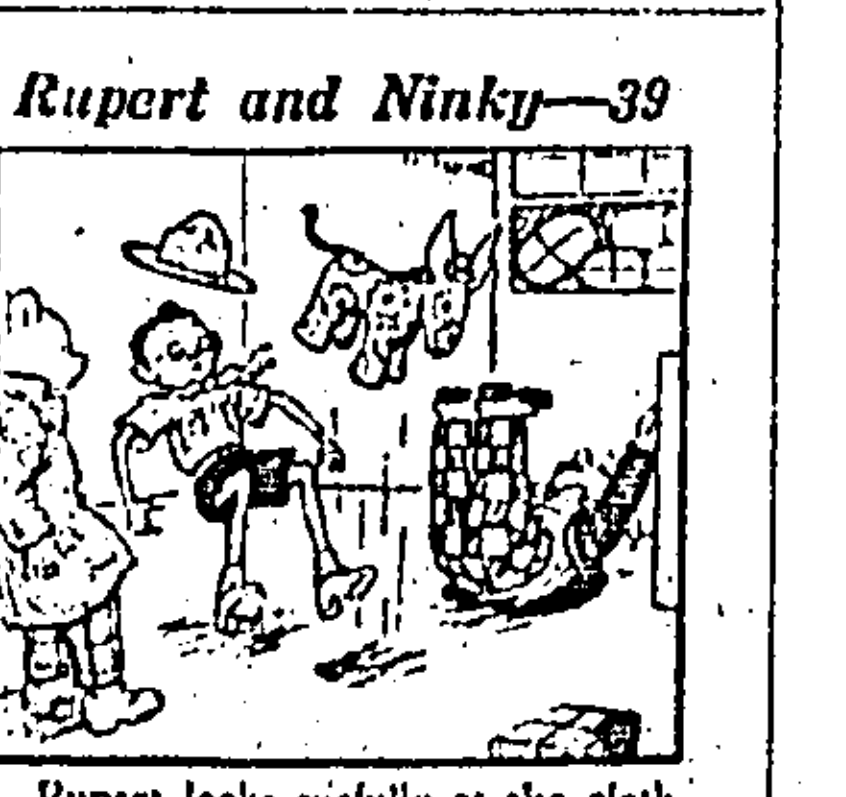
Although most of us seem to have more sugar than we need, neither sugar nor anything else will come off the ration in 1947. The Government will be accused of rationing for rationing's sake.

The time lag between the collection of dirty laundry and the delivery of clean laundry will increase from four to five weeks.

1948 WILL start with a cut in the cheese ration because negotiations for the purchase of 50,000,000 Dutch cheeses will break down.

This will be achieved by long-haired young men of the Ministry of Food who were so terribly clever at economics at Oxford but are not so terribly clever when dealing with Dutch farmers.

Later on, the bacon ration will also be cut because Danish and Irish farmers will have grown tired of talking nonsense to the long-haired young men and will sell their produce to the Russians, who, as usual, at least know what they want.



Rupert looks ruefully at the clock. "He is rather aggravating," he murmurs. "He doesn't jump when people want him to, and he..."

Suddenly, without any warning, Ninky jumps straight up into his face, catching them so much by surprise that the stockbroker and the Toy Scout topple over and Rupert himself nearly does the same. Before they can recover, the donkey makes another jump and disappears into the dark passage, out of sight.

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**UNDER the baleful influence of social restrictions and malnutrition, Nathaniel Gubbins, famous humorist, offers to his unhappy readers his gloomy predictions for the next five years. Only those of strong, resolute character and independent spirit, impervious to the mass suggestion of sickly prophets, should read these prophecies.**

By this time the Germans will be twice as well fed as the British and will be growing arrogant again.

Owing to the alliance with France we shall be on the verge of war because an Albanian has hit a Frenchman in a cafe.

The Forces will be mobilised, the Home Guard armed but, when the whole thing has been settled by a British apology to Albania for allowing Frenchmen in Albanian cafes, another bob will go on our income tax to pay for the mobilisation.

The stocks of sugar will be so large now that tons of it will be choking the grocers' shops.

All appeals to take it off the ration or send it to the chocolate manufacturers will be refused.

The Government will be again accused of rationing for rationing's sake.

The time lag between the collection of dirty laundry and the delivery of clean laundry will increase from five to six weeks. We shall witness the extraordinary spectacle of businessmen begging laundries for one clean handkerchief on their way to the office.

1949 WILL open with another threat of war because a Frenchman has run off with an Italian's wife.

After a full mobilisation and another apology by the British Government, another bob will go on the income tax, bringing it back to 9/ in the £.

The Germans will be eating so much now that they will all have enough strength to raise their right arm and shout "Heil Hitler."

The British will be so under-nourished that they won't have enough strength to stop them.

Up to this time our tiny bacon ration will have been maintained by imports from Canada. But the Ministry of Food will send one of its long-haired experts to talk rubbish to Canadian farmers and that will be the end of that.

Foreign athletes, full of Danish, Irish and Canadian bacon, to say nothing of millions of Dutch cheeses, will now be so enormous that the little half-starved British athletes will have to withdraw from the Olympic Games.

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The time lag between the collection of dirty laundry and the delivery of clean laundry will increase from six weeks to seven weeks. The first raid on laundries by armed businessmen wearing dirty shirts will take place.

1950 WILL be General Election and dirt of this battle the French Alliance will get us into more trouble.

A Frenchman will put out his tongue at a Spaniard across the frontier and we shall mobilise again.

At first the British Government will refuse to apologise to Spain for the incident. But as the entire French and Russian Press and 5,000 American columnists will call us perfidious we shall give way.

The cost of the mobilisation will put income tax back to the wartime rate of 10/ in the £. Surtax will be 19/11 after the first £2,000 a year, and £1 in the £ after £3,000 a year. This will make it hardly worth while being the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Germans will be so stuffed with food now that they will say that Hitler is still alive.



They will probably be right. British gifts of food will have kept him going all these years.

The first cadres of the new German Army will be formed.

Sugar will not only be piling up in the grocers' shops but will be stacked in heaps along the pavements. Thousands of men will be employed to sweep it away. Sugar and sweets will still be rationed. So will everything else but canned fish nobody wants.

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1951 WILL see Britain an armed camp again. The constant threat of war because a Frenchman has tripped up a Russian in the dark or slapped an Italian's face or kicked an Albanian in the pants will call for permanent mobilisation.

This will not only mean the end of the export drive but the end of the middle classes, who will go on strike at last.

With income tax at 15/ in the £ and surtax at £1 a £ after the first £500, it won't be worth while doing anything but hump meat around Smithfield Market.

But as we shan't be able to buy meat from abroad and all British farmers will be too disinclined by taxation to grow it, and as nobody will be able to afford it anyway, the Smithfield job won't be worth while either.

At first the strike of the middle classes will be a joke among the masses.

It will be a joke until there are no doctors to attend the sick, no dentists to pull an aching tooth, no lawyers (perhaps they won't mind that so much) to administer the law, no architects to design houses and public buildings, no theatres, no new books or magazines to read, no pictures to see, no music to hear, and no newspapers to print the news.

All this might be borne except that publicans, who also belong to the middle classes, will be on strike, too. With income tax at that rate it won't be worth while opening the pubs.

This is where the joke ends, except that income tax officials will come out with other members of the middle classes.

Meanwhile sugar will be piling up in the streets, stopping all traffic. But it will still be rationed. No laundry will be returned to anybody and desperate, dirty, half-naked businessmen will be charging barricaded laundries in the face of intense machine-gun fire from embattled laundresses shooting at them from the roof, windows and weapon pits.

The German Army, 10,000,000 strong, will be the best fed and equipped in the world.

Hitler will reappear disguised as Father Christmas at a party given to German children by the last British regiment in Hamburg.

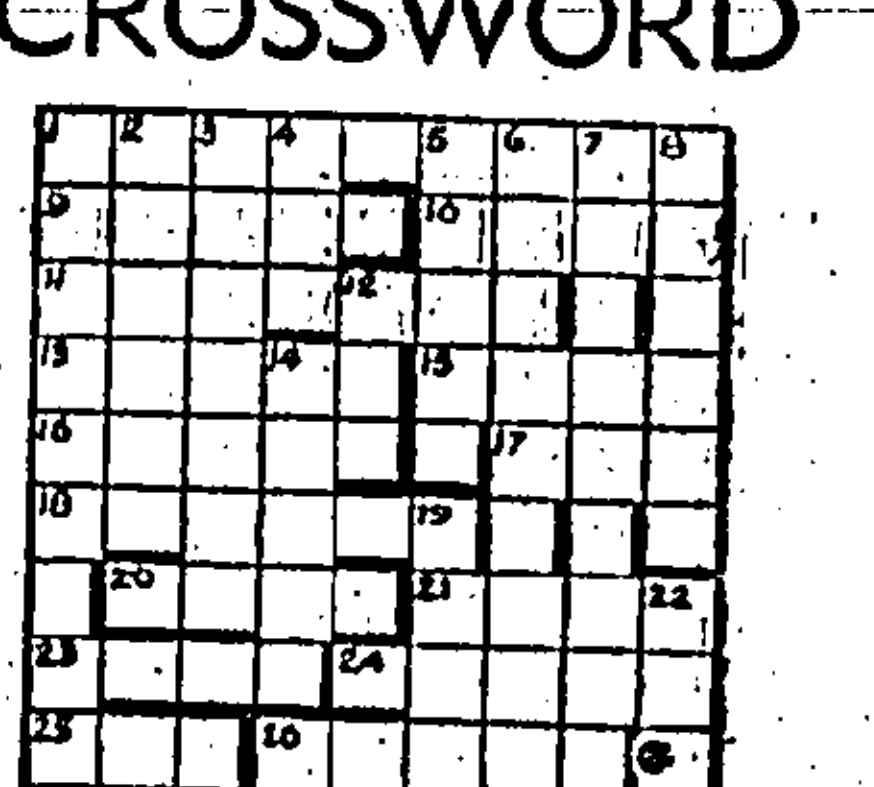
He will announce that his patience is exhausted again.

Then a Frenchman will thumb his nose at a German and that will be it.

Christmas 1951 in Britain will be spent in deep shelters with no turkeys.

Note: The astrologer Old Moore Gubbins can't see further into 1952. In his present state of depression he believes there is nothing to see.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- They may be responsible for many of our troubles. (10)
  - Harmon. (10)
  - Min. sec. she is the making of. (10)
  - The Moslem's holy of holies. (10)
  - Came according to the poets. (10)
  - At a new ahead. (10)
  - A famous overgrown airbus. (10)
  - Change the place. (10)
  - Alk. (10)
  - Nannie: Indian fashion. (10)
  - Place for a change. (10)
  - Where the head boy goes. (10)
  - He was a traitor. (10)
- Down
- Quite enough to menace Tim. (10)
  - Resistant. (10)
  - Must an R.A. come from here? (10)
  - The temper of a fireman. (10)
  - Salad. (10)
  - One way the cheat lies. (10)
  - Fruit. (10)
  - The pen to make a miser's (10)
  - A clumsy patch. (10)
  - Take heed. (10)
  - Rebellious colour. (10)
- Solution of yesterday's puzzle: Across: 1. Schlemiel; 2. Quack; 3. Cat; 4. Feline; 5. Gopher; 6. Gopher; 7. Gopher; 8. Gopher; 9. Gopher; 10. Gopher. Down: 1. Gopher; 2. Gopher; 3. Gopher; 4. Gopher; 5. Gopher; 6. Gopher; 7. Gopher; 8. Gopher; 9. Gopher; 10. Gopher.

**According To Culbertson**

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Of all the bids in bridge, the cue bid in the opponents' suit is perhaps the most dangerous one with which to "monkey." North learned that lesson in to-day's deal!

South, dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

North

♠ K 7 4  
♥ Q 5 4 3  
♦ K 8 6 5 2  
♣ A K J 8 5 3

East

♠ Q 10 9 8 4  
♥ 5 3  
♦ K 9 6 2  
♣ J 3 0

South

♠ 7 8  
♥ A Q J 10 6 2  
♦ A 7  
♣ A 4 3

The bidding:  
North: 1♥, 2♥, 3♥, 4♥, 5♥, 6♥, 7♥, 8♥, 9♥, 10♥, 11♥, 12♥, 13♥, 14♥, 15♥, 16♥, 17♥, 18♥, 19♥, 20♥, 21♥, 22♥, 23♥, 24♥, 25♥, 26♥, 27♥, 28♥, 29♥, 30♥, 31♥, 32♥, 33♥, 34♥, 35♥, 36♥, 37♥, 38♥, 39♥, 40♥, 41♥, 42♥, 43♥, 44♥, 45♥, 46♥, 47♥, 48♥, 49♥, 50♥, 51♥, 52♥, 53♥, 54♥, 55♥, 56♥, 57♥, 58♥, 59♥, 60♥, 61♥, 62♥, 63♥, 64♥, 65♥, 66♥, 67♥, 68♥, 69♥, 70♥, 71♥, 72♥, 73♥, 74♥, 75♥, 76♥, 77♥, 78♥, 79♥, 80♥, 81♥, 82♥, 83♥, 84♥, 85♥, 86♥, 87♥, 88♥, 89♥, 90♥, 91♥, 92♥, 93♥, 94♥, 95♥, 96♥, 97♥, 98♥, 99♥, 100♥.

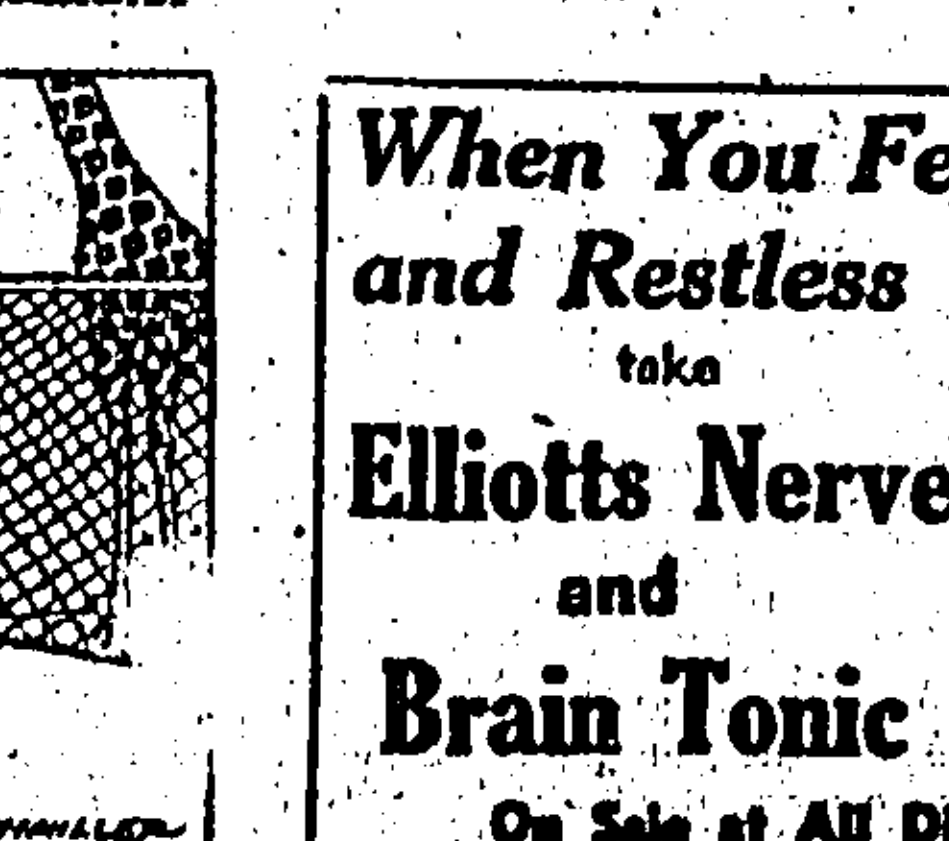
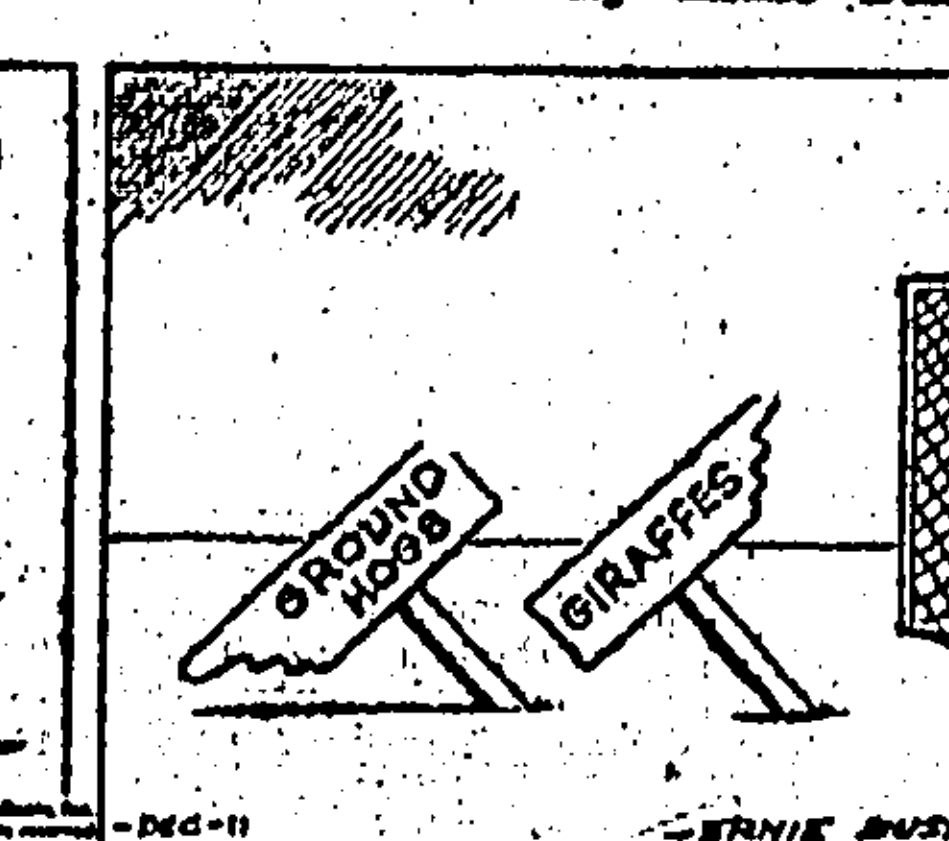
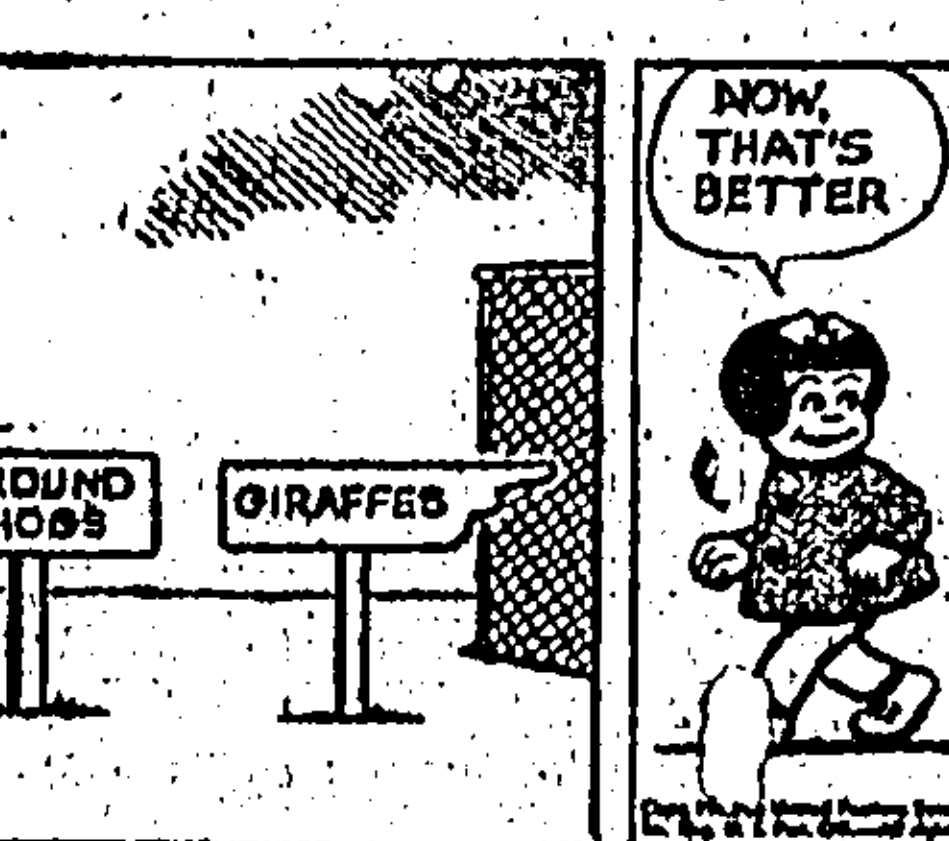
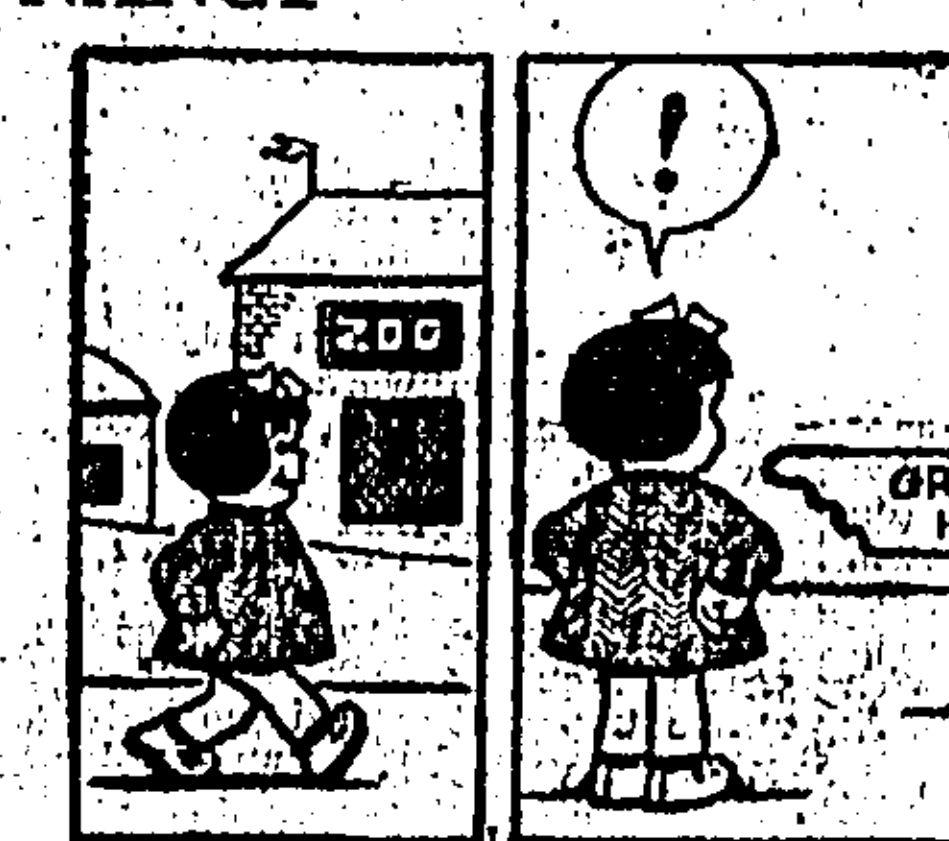
An he said later (with considerable bitterness), South "felt like a sissy" when he went to only a small slam after North's cue bid in the opponents' suit. That, however, was what he said after he had gone down

a trick at the "conservative" six-heart contract!

West, duly impressed by North's control-showing bid, opened the diamond jack, and thereby established a diamond trick for his side before South could set up clubs.

Thus, as may be seen, North's bid was bad in more ways than one. It not only misled South as to the general strength he would find opposite him, but simultaneously it warned the enemy away from the opening lead, a spade, which would have allowed South to make a small slam.

A cue bid in the opponents' suit is not used by experts to show merely the first-round control of that suit. It is virtually worthless on that sole basis. It is used for the dual purpose of announcing control and a strong supporting hand i.e., strong not only distributionally but in high cards. It is true that North had good support for hearts, but a hand containing only two kings and one queen—a total of 1-plus honour-tricks—can scarcely be regarded as containing many high cards. The utter lack of aces, for one thing, ruled out the immediate cue bid. North's hand was worth a simple 'free ride' to two hearts!

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# Women BEAUTY ARTS

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Posed by Jane Wyman for Lois Leeds.  
Here's the latest hairdo and how to do it!

## MONEY HAIRDO!

Here's a new hairdo with an amazing title—and a good one, too, both title and hairdo!

Attractive star Jane Wyman, in Warner Brothers' "Night and Day" models this new short style.

The curls should not be rolled tight but round and flat, about the size of a silver dollar. These "dollar curls" around the sides and front. The back hair should be rolled in curls about the size of a half dollar, rolled and flat. It is smart to use a hair lotion when making your "dollar curls".

Use your fingers to comb out the curls after they are set. Just break up the curls with your fingers, then comb them into shape and can wear the hairdo. This is a charming style and is becoming a favorite among young women.

## Facts About Hair

Hair doesn't grow just because you want it to. It grows when you are healthy and your circulation is good.

You must brush your hair every day. Don't expect your hair to grow as fast as it should because you are not brushing it. You must brush your hair every day to keep it healthy and to keep it from becoming dry and brittle.

## Princess Make-up & GABRIELLE



Do you know that if your hair is dry you need more fats and oils in your diet? Do you know that it is better for your posture to sleep on a hard bed than on a soft one? Do you know that you can get false eyelashes and false fingernails yourself?

# "Hollywood A Vulgar, Artificial Place"

—Miss Australia

"I wouldn't take a dozen Hollywoods for Brisbane," declared Miss Rhonda Kelly ("Miss Australia") when she arrived back in Australia from her tour of England, Europe and America.

"Hollywood is a showy, vulgar, artificial, unnatural, and circus-like place," Miss Kelly declared, in what will probably go down as the most forthright statement about the film colony yet made.

Miss Kelly's companion, Miss Rhonda Felgate, said that acting in England was on a much higher plane than in America, but dramatists in America were achieving far more than English dramatists.

Some of the Hollywood stars are charming, Miss Kelly observed, "but lots of them are uninteresting, artificial, vulgar, and dumb. Small scenes have to be taken, and taken again. The actors and actresses—most of them—seem so shallow."

Paris and London are marvellous, Miss Kelly said. Paris bears few war scars, and though England shows much more damage, London still fascinates the traveller.

Getting back to Hollywood, Miss Kelly mentioned a number of stars for whom she had only admiration, and whom she excluded from her criticisms. Frank Sinatra, Margaret O'Brien, Jose Iturbi, Gene Kelly, Jimmy Durante, Betty Grable, and James Craig were some she met.

"Sinatra has a wonderful natural personality, and is charming," she said. "Jimmy Durante is funnier off the screen than on—he kept me in gales of laughter," Miss Kelly added. "Some of the stars—I watched them, and heard them, on the set—forget their lines, fumble, forget what they are told, and generally act like dumbbells."

## NO SCREEN TEST

"I was asked to have a screen test but declined. I wouldn't take a dozen Hollywoods for Brisbane," American and Canadian girls study the art of make-up to a much greater extent than Australian girls even think about, Miss Kelly said.

"As to men, they seem much the same all over the world," she said. "And children—well, American children seem to grow up much faster than our children, and lose their youth quicker."

She said she thought the "Miss Australia" tour a very good idea, on the angle of goodwill, but there should be a manager to arrange any future tours.

## CAT HELD UP FOURTH TEST MATCH

A grey cat which wandered on to the Adelaide Oval held up play in the Fourth Test.

The cat wandered on to the ground at the Cathedral end and began to dig a hole.

The lighter broke out all around the ground as the crowd craned necks to see the cat.

The roar of laughter grew so loud that play stopped.

Miller, who was bowling doubled up with laughter as the cat sat over the hole.

Broadman approached Umpire Dore to have the cat put off the oval, but amid roars of laughter the cat covered up the hole and walked serenely back through the pickets.

During the Third Test at Melbourne a man wearing his shirt outside his trousers wandered on to the ground and held up play for some minutes.

He had to be escorted off the ground by police.

A dog, which strolled on to the ground at Hobart during the English team's game against an Australian XI also held up play for some minutes.

## Girls Betray Deserters

Women are the betrayers of Allied deserters in Italy, Italian police say.

There are 3,000 known Allied deserters in Italy, and the special foreign branch of the Italian police now employs scores of Italian girls as spies.

Said an Italian detective: "Those deserters not discovered by our girls are often betrayed by some other jealous or disappointed girl friend."

"There is not one Allied deserter at large who does not get himself tangled up with some woman."

"The woman often keeps him with her own money until they quarrel or he tries to leave her. Then his number is up."

## CHOCOLATE FOR GERMAN KIDS

To improve their diet, a piece of chocolate will be issued every five days to Berlin schoolchildren.

They will be required to take it as soon as they resolve it, to make sure it is not taken home to be sold by parents on the black market.

A similar piece of chocolate is worth 50 marks on the black market. This is as much as many workers earn in a week after paying taxes and social insurance.

# Death Dust Produced In Canada

An Ottawa dispatch to the Toronto Daily Star said that the atomic energy plant at Chalk River, 125 miles northwest of the Canadian capital, could produce "what is perhaps a more deadly weapon than the atomic bomb—death dust."

These "tiny radioactive particles," said the newspaper, "can be produced in greater volume and at a more deadly potency in Chalk River than in any atomic plant in the world to-day because the Canadian plant is unique."

Canadian press dispatches, however, quoted reliable sources in Ottawa as saying that the current status of a dust by-product of the Chalk River National Research Council pilot plant was largely that of an industrial hazard, and that efforts were being made to keep the microscopic particles of toxic poison from getting into scientists' lungs and destroying them.

Canada is not developing the dust for military purposes, these sources were reported to have said, but in future war she quite probably could and would.

Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, said in Ottawa that by-products of the Chalk River research might be used for defence.—Associated Press.

# PLANNED TO WED, BUT DIED

Twenty-year-old Australian boxer, Reg. Bunker, who died from injury he received in a bout recently, had planned to marry on the money he earned in the ring.

"My son hoped to marry in 12 months' time on the money he made out of the game," said his father, who had maintained a vigil beside his bed in hospital.

"He was a clean-living, hard working boy, who saved his money. He had been fighting for only four years, and had had 40 fights. He had been beaten five times, and hoped he would go to the top."

"While his mother was alive she was very much against his fighting, but I always thought that so long as he was in perfect condition he would come to no harm."

Sagred at Rome.

In the last round of his 12-round bout with James Hogg, Bunker sagged against the ropes.

Referee Art Mawson noticed that he seemed exhausted, stopped the fight and gave the decision to Hogg on a technical knockout.

Police have been told that the fight was a clean one.

# Luzon Railway Repairs Near Completion

Opening of Luzon's trunk railway line from Manila, 250 miles south to the port of Legaspi Albay, at the foot of the Mayon Volcano, will be completed this month, according to Mr. Fernando Sison, general manager of the government-controlled Manila Railroad Company.

The line is already complete except for a long bridge knocked out by American bombers two years ago at the Los Banos interment camp, which is the last of the 328 spans of the company's lines destroyed during the war to be replaced.

The United States Army rehabilitated 448 kilometres of track from the liberation until a year ago when the line was returned to Philippine control.

The government now has 849 kilometres, nearly 80 per cent, of the main lines in operation but is greatly handicapped by lack of rolling stock.

British bondholders have substantial interest in the line, which was built by English engineers for the Spanish government in 1899.—Associated Press.

# High Birthrate To Stay

Present increased birthrates in Britain and Australia are not likely to fade out as they did after World War I.

This was stated by Sir William Fletcher Shaw, president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The majority of patients were not asking their doctors about birth control, but about how to overcome sterility, he said.

Maintenance of the high birth rate would depend on social services, housing, cost of food and domestic help.

# MAN WHO LOVES WILL FORGIVE

"If the man loves the girl, he'll forgive."

Miss Hilda Oliver, social welfare officer, whose work for unmarried mothers was praised by the medical officer for Richmond (Surrey, England), in his annual report, has the secret for her success.

She explained, "Above all we encourage the girls to keep their own children."

"I think there is nothing to take the place of a mother's love—a child never feels so secure as when its mother is looking after it."

Although many unmarried mothers say at first that they will get their babies adopted, Miss Oliver considers that "hardly one per cent." of them fail to be real mothers to their children.

Self-Sacrifice.

She said, "I have a great respect for some of these girls. They sometimes stagger me by their generosity and self-sacrifice for their children."

The ideal thing is for them to marry and make a real home.

"It has been my experience over eight years that if the man is the right sort and is fond of the girl it does not make any difference that she has had a child by another man."

Miss Oliver, 33, pleasant and smartly dressed, said of her job, "I would rather do it than any other."

# More Support For Welsh Nationalism

Welsh nationalism, a potent factor in British history since the first Norse invaders swept across the island, is steadily rising again behind demands for semi-independence from British rule.

The Liberal Party has begun a campaign supporting the Welsh aspirations, apparently in an effort to gain electoral strength in its increasing drive to regain a position of government influence.

Welsh feeling rose sharply recently after the government rejected demands by Welsh members of Parliament for a separate Secretary of State for Wales. Since then Welsh nationalist candidates have gained broader support.

The Liberals in their bid for Welsh support, which reached a high point under Mr. Lloyd George, have campaigned for a separate Welsh administrative officer and for a Welsh legislature.

The Liberal Party recently approved a resolution saying it was aiming "at the devolution of Welsh affairs to a Welsh legislative body so as to enable the Welsh nation to take its rightful place in the union of British peoples."—Associated Press.

# Lost His Pet Rattlesnake

Robert Butler, 58, of Brooklyn, who says he prefers snakes to women because "human snakes don't rattle to give you warning," has lost his best friend—a six-foot diamond-back rattlesnake.

The rattlesnake was recently ordered to be destroyed by Magistrate Vincent J. Kowalski who, suspended sentence on Butler on charges of keeping a dangerous animal.

"It is a pet, Judge. It is perfectly harmless. I would like to show you."

Butler said, "Never mind," said the magistrate, glancing at a box where the snake whirled its rattles menacingly.

"I have had it for 15 years and never had any trouble. I do not know what I am going to do. I will sure miss that snake," Butler said.

Outside the courtroom, before agents from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took the snake away, Butler curled his pet lovingly around his neck for the last time. His eyes were moist.—United Press.

# ATOMIC HYMNS WANTED

The Church of England wants some new hymns for the atomic era, reports Associated Press.

The Church Missionary Society has issued a blanket invitation to amateur hymn writers to submit new words and music "to enrich, if possible, English hymnology with a selection of hymns which will express God's concern for the whole world in this new age."

# DUMB BELLS

AFTER A FEW CURSORY REMARKS, THE JURY DID SAY.

SIR, I NEVER SPORE IN MY LIFE.



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# TRIBAL MATING PREFERRED

The Indian marriage custom of having the parents choose the bride and groom is "far superior to your American way of marrying for love," says Dr. M. A. Haque of Punjab.

Haque, now an engineering student at the University of Utah, said he was confident the system followed in the Punjab tribal area was responsible for the low divorce rate.

In his two-year term as administrator of the area, said Haque, not a single case of divorce, adultery or of 2,000,000.—Associated Press.

# TREE IS ALSO A GAOL

One of the world's oddest gaols is a bottle tree which is used as a prison at Ellulogrove, a few miles from Wyndham, in Western Australia.

The 35-foot high tree is about 50 feet around the trunk and a hole has been cut just big enough for a man to climb into the hollow centre.

There is plenty of air from a natural ventilator at the top. Most prisoners spend only one night there.—Associated Press.

# SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



These are some of the homes they recommend—can you imagine us in there in ten years or so, with nine kids?



## U.S. Fleet May Leave China

Washington, Feb. 18. United States naval forces may soon withdraw from China in the wake of State Department mediators and departing Marines, it was indicated here to-day.

Admiral Charles Cooke, Jr., commanding the United States Fleet at Tsingtao, is due here to-morrow for a conference on the "changing situation in China." Navy officials said.

Since Admiral Cooke's fleet is originally composed of light cruisers, destroyers and cruisers, assigned to China to support the American mediation policy, the Navy has been expecting the force to depart from China after General Marshall's recall.

The ships may be transferred to Guam or Saipan.

The Admiral is understood to favour maintaining the naval strength in the Far East to assist in stabilizing economic conditions there.

Whether American Navy personnel at Tsingtao, assisting the training of Chinese sailors, will depart if the fleet is recalled, is not disclosed.—Associated Press.

## Moscow Attacks U.S.-Canada Pact

Moscow, Feb. 18. The Soviet paper, Izvestia, declared to-day that Canada was turning over its territory and army to the United States in preparation for aggression.

The newspaper labelled the recently announced U.S.-Canadian agreement an "iron fist in a velvet glove." The Izvestia commentator said the agreement was "evil" and "had nothing in common with the interests of peace."

The United States and Canada announced on February 12 that without entering into a formal treaty or binding agreements, they intended to continue in peacetime their close wartime collaboration for the military security of the North American continent. United training, standardization of arms and use of each other's military, naval and air facilities were agreed upon.—Associated Press.

## GREEK LABOUR COMPLAINTS

Athens, Feb. 18. A former official of the Greek General Confederation of Labour, which was banned last year, told the United Nations Commission investigating Greek complaints of violations that 43 Trade Union leaders and members had been murdered and 63 imprisoned or exiled.

He contended that "this widespread persecution of Labour leaders in Greece is an important factor in the civil war."—Reuter.

## WINTER STORMS IN EUROPE

London, Feb. 18. Winter storms piled snow on the British Isles and Western Europe to-day, and torrential rains soaked the Portuguese countryside, damaging grain and bean crops.

Weather forecasters report no signs of an early break in the cold wave, which has drained coal stocks to vanishing point and spread death and misery over a large area of the continent.—Associated Press.

## Princess Sees Baby Sister

The Hague, Feb. 18. Princess Beatrix, the nine-year-old eldest daughter of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, was allowed to hold her newly-born sister in her arms this morning, Prince Bernhard said to-day.

He added that all three princesses "were excited" about their new sister.—Reuter.

## Jap Raw Silk Exports

Tokyo, Feb. 18. SCAP's economic and scientific section announced to-day that post-war exports of Japanese raw silk up to February 7 were 88,027 bales, valued at approximately \$68,577,000. Of this only \$30,500 worth has been sold up to date.—United Press.

## D'ARGENLIEU FLYING TO PARIS

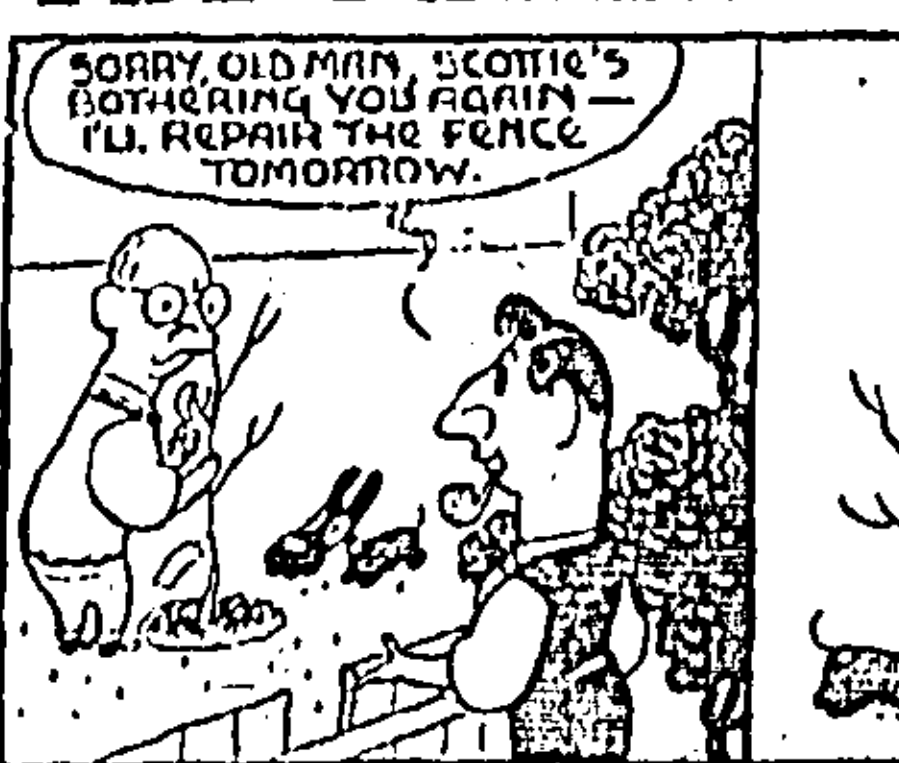
Saigon, Feb. 18. Admiral Thierry d'Argenlieu, High Commissioner for Indo-China, will leave Indo-China for Paris by air on Thursday morning, according to well-informed French sources.

About 10 days ago the Admiral was recalled for consultations by the French Premier, M. Paul Ramadier. His return has been delayed owing to an accident in which he sustained a leg injury.—Reuter.

## Train Derailment Kills Ten

Altoona, Pennsylvania, Feb. 18. Ten persons were killed and "around 90 injured" in the derailment of the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Red Arrow" Detroit to New York passenger train, a railroad spokesman reported.—Associated Press.

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## Appeal For Foreign Assistance To China

New York, Feb. 18. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, in a speech to-day at the China-America Council of Commerce and Industry conference, expressed confidence in President Chiang's stringent measures to rescue the tottering Chinese economy. He said: "When carried out, not only by the Chinese people but also by those who are interested in Chinese economy, they will bear the fruit it is hoped they will produce."

The speech carried a consistent undertone of appeal to the United States for increased aid on the scale tended to friendly Western nations which are also suffering economic ills as a result of the war.

Dr. Koo said: "Like other nations, China received financial aid from the United States since the end of the war, but the amount was limited. Apart from the aid given by UNRRA, she received about \$143,000,000, compared with \$4,400,000,000 for Great Britain and \$2,420,000,000 for France."

He pointed out that the minimum programme for relief and rehabilitation worked out by the Chinese Government at the war's end called for an expenditure of US\$2,000,000,000, but UNRRA plans covered only 25 percent of the total requirements, and "even this limited programme may not be fully carried out because of the fact that UNRRA will terminate beneficial activities in China before June 30 this year."

Dr. Koo denied the charge which is often heard in America that China brought the present chaotic conditions upon herself.

He declared: "The ills from which China is suffering to-day are not of her own making nor peculiar to her alone." He pointed out that many European countries "with well ordered economies" are also suffering similar ailments. He added that since China "fought the longest and suffered most, when compared with other United Nations, it is not surprising that her economy to-day is in a serious state."

## WINGATE REMEMBERED BY JEWS

Jerusalem, Feb. 18. The first of 10,000 trees in a plantation on Mount Gilboa, to be provided in memory of the late Major-General Charles Orde Wingate, were planted this morning in the presence of Mrs. Golda Meyerson, the political head of the Jewish Agency.

The memorial forest is being provided under a scheme organised and financed by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Fund.

Doctor Chaim Weizmann, the late president of the World Zionist, sent a message describing Wingate as "one of the brightest men among the nations of the world."

Wingate first won the hearts of the Jews when he spoke to them in Hebrew in Palestine before the war.

He won the Distinguished Service Order leading Jewish guerrilla forces against Arab terrorists. He was killed in an air crash in 1944 while commanding his Chindit forces in Burma.—Reuter.

## Baseball Hitch In Mexico

Mexico City, Feb. 18. Mr Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican Baseball League, which went \$250,000 into the red last season by offering higher salaries than the big American leagues to win away stars, files to Havana to-morrow with an ultimatum—that he must sign up immediately or the Mexican League will not play this season.

Most of the hold-outs are at present playing in the Cuban winter league.

The League normally would start the season in mid-March, but the majority of its players, chiefly Cubans, Mexicans and American negroes, have formed a hold-out bloc.—United Press.

## Bulgaria Deries Spy Ring Reports

Sofia, Feb. 18. The Bulgarian News Agency to-day denied Greek newspaper reports of a spy ring in Bulgaria, claiming M. Georgi Dimitroff, Prime Minister of Bulgaria, as having announced the discovery of a "United States spy ring" in Bulgaria.

The reports alleged that the "spy ring" was working against Bulgaria and Soviet Russia, and that members who had been arrested would be tried by a military tribunal. The Agency said it was authorized to deny all the Greek reports.—Reuter.

## Disagreements On Germany Remain

Reims, Feb. 18. Top Allied Control officials working on a joint report on Germany for the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Moscow have failed so far to settle any of the major disagreements which have clouded the four-power control machinery here for six months, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay said to-day.

He declared: "At the present moment I am not too happy about the report, but many matters of worry may be settled by February 25."—Associated Press.

## ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

6,000 Guests

Capetown, Feb. 18. Pipers played "The Road to the Isles" as the Royal Family passed down lanes of bowing guests at the Westbrooke estate of the Governor of South Africa, Mr G. Brand Van Syl, this afternoon when about 6,000 guests attended a Royal garden party.

Guests commented on the vitality and freshness of the Royal Family. The Queen was wearing a white chiffon gown with a wide hat with an encircling rich feather, and both Princesses were also in white. The King wore a white uniform.

Male guests were mostly in strict formal attire but a few dark lounge suits and tropical suits were seen. The feminine guests' dresses revealed every known colour, and hats ranged from Calabougough models to pert Parisian styles.

Matrons and elderly men forgot decorum and clambered on chairs to catch a glimpse of the Royal Family.

Earlier the Royal Family departed from their programme, visiting Kirstenbosch botanical gardens with the Prime Minister, Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts. They spent half an hour admiring the South African flowers.

To-night the Royal visitors will attend civic ball given by the Capetown Council.—Associated Press.

## NEEDS OUTSIDE AID

He added that China needs aid and co-operation from outside, especially from the United States. With such aid and co-operation assured, there could be no doubt that the potentialities of the Chinese-American trade could be very great, while the outlook for the immediate future would also improve rapidly.

Dr. Koo told the press later that the Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, was "most sympathetic and appreciative of China's difficulties." But again the Ambassador was reluctant to reveal the subjects discussed and the decisions reached, if any. He said the talk was merely "explanatory," and while the subject of the United States \$500,000,000 loan to China was taken up, nothing was decided. He said the subject of U.S. mediation in Chinese political problems was not touched.

Dr. Koo told the press that Chiang's announcement of the decision to return many state-operated industries to private ownership would in effect aid the government financially, since the industries would be able to realize revenue from the sale of such industries. He said generally they were taken over by the government as a wartime measure, and many were operated at a loss because of the government's reluctance to make excessive profits.

Comparing the arrival with the gloomy scenes at home in ice-bound, darkened, care-worn England," the newspaper said:

"There, people ridden by hardship and grimly wrestling with troubles that seem almost insuperable, see afar off great segments of British influence and power slipping irretrievably out of the Imperial orbit. Egypt—gone, Palestine is struggling towards independence, India and China are going, but South Africa will stay."

"Britain's socialist government has joined forces with Premier Smuts to keep this key to the Continent firmly within the Commonwealth."—Associated Press.

## MONEY FOR IMPORTS

Although the meetings of the China-America Council were closed, it was learned that the government's announcement to withdraw from operation of many industries was a result of the previous article rate. It is also learned that Chinese spokesmen confided to Americans that more money will be available in China for the purchase of imports than generally thought, but China is husbanding her financial resources and will continue to give preference to capital goods.

Speakers at the closed sessions included Loy Chang, representative of the Ministry of Finance; Dr. D. K. Liew, Commercial Counsellor to the Chinese Embassy; Dr. S. P. Ladas, Chairman of the China-America Council's legislative committee; K. H. Wang, representative of the Ministry of Commerce; Dr. P. W. Tsou, representative of the Ministry of Agriculture; and Carl Neprud, official in the Chinese Customs Administration for more than 30 years.—United Press.

## BA MAW'S PARTY WONT PLAY

Rangoon, Feb. 18. Mahabams, the party of which Dr. Ba Maw, one-time premier of Burma, is the leader, to-day pledged "all-out effort to wreck the Aung San-Attlee agreement."

The party, which has concluded a three-day session, passed a resolution not to participate in the forthcoming elections and Constituent Assembly and to prevent voting by the public by every possible means.—Reuter.

## FIRE DESTROYS 50 PLANES

Copenhagen, Feb. 18. Fifty planes ready for delivery abroad were destroyed during the night here in a fire which burned down Denmark's only aircraft factory, "Scandinavian Aero Industry."

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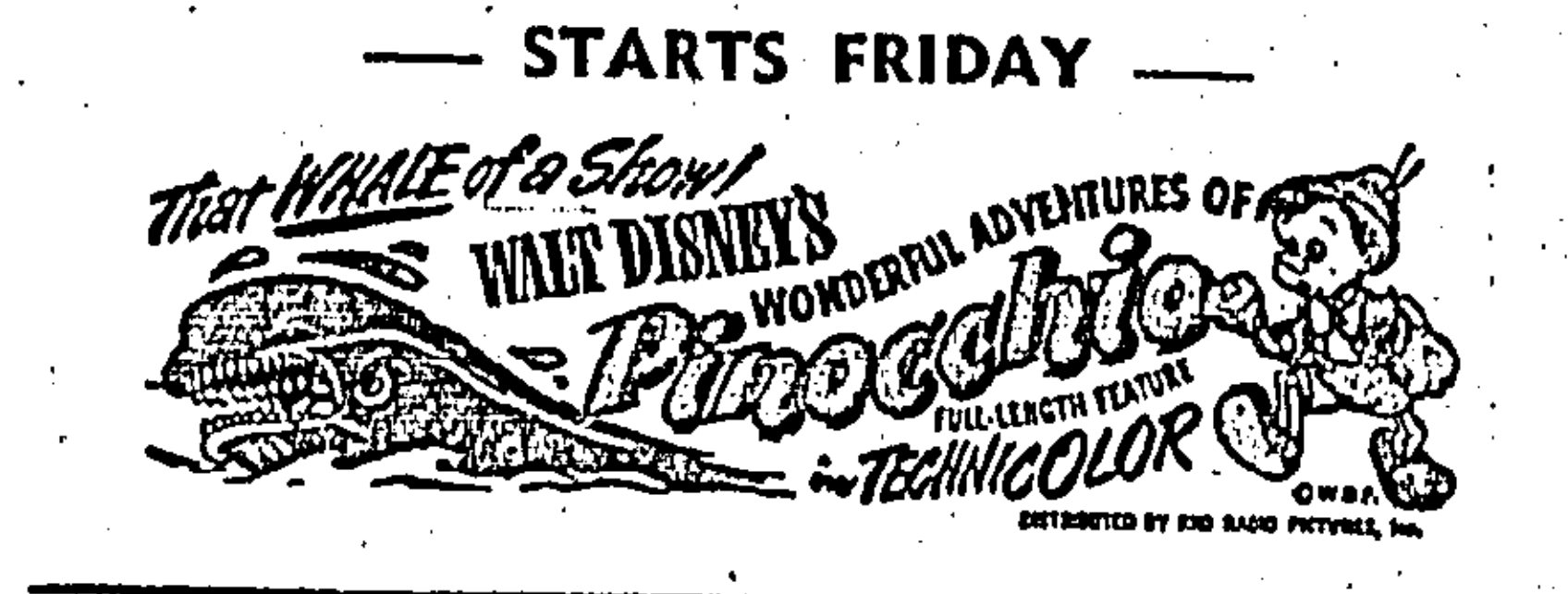
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Canton, Chungking, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Kanton, 4 p.m.  
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Australia via Sydney, 3 p.m.  
Train: Canton, 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 20

Airmail: Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland, London, 3.30 p.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Manila, 3 p.m.  
Batavia, Saigon, noon.  
Straits, 3 p.m.  
Formosa, Canada (via Vancouver) 3 p.m.  
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Swatow, 10 a.m.  
Kanton, 4 p.m.  
Train: Canton, 4 p.m.

Friday, February 21

Airmail: Manila, 10 a.m.  
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, 3 p.m.  
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bata, Cebu, Singapore, 3 p.m.  
Seamail: Formosa (via Keelung), 10 a.m.  
Straits, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai, 10 a.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, 4 p.m.  
Train: Canton, 4 p.m.

## Royalty Return To Spain

Madrid, Feb. 18. While a crowd shouted "Hasta pronto!"—"See you soon!"—The Infante, Don Jaime, and Infanta Donna Christina took off for Barcelona at 1.50 p.m. to-day after a two and a half hour stopover at Madrid on their flight from Lisbon.

Some 5,000 people, including numerous workers, filed before the Royal pair, who are on their visit to Spain in 16 years, to shake hands and murmur brief greetings.

The visit coincided with the Lisbon report that negotiations for the restoration of the Spanish monarchy was in its final stages. Political sources here viewed the report with extreme reserve, since they could not see any visible solution to the basic differences between the Pretender, Don Juan, and Generalissimo Franco, unless a new formula were reached suddenly.

Don Juan's secretary, Ramon Padilla, who accompanied the Infantes, remained in Madrid and some thought this significant.—United Press.

## STATEMENT ON PALESTINE

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## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZBW on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30-2 p.m. and 5.30-11 p.m., and also on 633 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30-1.15, 6.30-7.30 and 8-11 p.m.

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